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Joe John Garcia Has Been Ordered to Cease and Desist and is Suspended as a Registrant

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2016 – On Jan. 14, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a Decision without Hearing by Reason of Admissions against Joe John Garcia (Garcia), Albuquerque, N.M., which became final and effective on March 15, 2016.

An Administrative Law Judge ordered Garcia to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay the full amount of the purchase price for livestock before the close of the next business day following each purchase of livestock; and
- issuing checks in payment of livestock purchases without having and maintaining sufficient funds on deposit and available in the account upon which such checks are drawn to pay such checks when presented.

Garcia is also suspended as a registrant under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act for a period of one year. However, upon application to the Packers and Stockyards Program, a supplemental order may be issued terminating the suspension of Garcia at any time after the expiration of 30 days of the suspension period. If Garcia demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Packers and Stockyards Program that all unpaid livestock sellers identified in the complaint have been paid in full, or a reasonable schedule of restitution has been arranged with the unpaid livestock sellers identified in the complaint, his application will be taken into consideration.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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